

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**

**No. 23-4705**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**CARLOS ALSTON**

**Unopposed Motion of the  
United States for 21-Day  
Extension of Briefing Deadline**

The United States of America, by and through the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, hereby moves the Court pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 26(b) for a 21-day extension of time in which to respond to the appellant's brief and, in support thereof, shows unto the Court the following:

1. The undersigned Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) has the responsibility of preparing the government's opening brief, which is due to the Court on February 7, 2024. The undersigned has previously requested and was an enlargement of time in this matter.

2. The undersigned AUSA has been working on various criminal matters before the District Court in the Eastern District of North Carolina, including arraignments in *United States v. Frederick*, No. 5:23-CR-18-D-RJ, held

on January 18, 2024, in Raleigh, North Carolina; and *United States v. Staton*, No. 4:21-CR-00071-FL, held on February 7, 2024, in Wilmington, North Carolina.

3. The undersigned AUSA is also responsible for other matters in the United States District Court, including an arraignment in *United States v. Gray*, No. 5:23-CR-216-FL-KS, set for February 13, 2024; in New Bern, North Carolina; a sentencing in *United States v. Durham*, No. 5:22-CR-150-M-RN, set for February 16, 2024, in Wilmington, North Carolina; and a sentencing in *United States v. Gentry*, No. 7:20-CR-117-D, and an arraignment in *United States v. Holliday*, No. 5:23-CR-136-D-RN, both set for the February 26, 2024, term of court in Raleigh, North Carolina.

4. This request is not made for the purpose of delay, but to ensure a complete and accurate response to the appellant's brief.

5. Counsel for the defendant does not oppose this extension request.

WHEREFORE, the government respectfully requests a 21-day extension of time to file its response brief, resulting in a deadline of February 28, 2024.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of February, 2024.

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2. Further, this document complies with the typeface requirements of Rule 32(a)(5) and the type-style requirements of Rule 32(a)(6) because it has been prepared in Microsoft Word 2016 using fourteen-point *Calisto MT*, a proportional-width typeface.

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